

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

THE KERMIT NORRIS HOUSE

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

418-420 Pennsylvania Ave.

second

CITY, TOWN

Towson Md. 21204

VICINITY OF

Baltimore

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

COUNTY

3 CLASSIFICATION**CATEGORY**☐ DISTRICT☐ BUILDING(S)☒ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT**OWNERSHIP**☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED**STATUS**☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS**ACCESSIBLE**☐ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO**PRESENT USE**☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Kermit Norris

Telephone #: 296-0783

STREET & NUMBER

418 Pennsylvania Ave.

CITY, TOWN

Towson Md. 21204

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Baltimore County Courthouse

Liber #: 3439/518

Folio #: 3439/515

STREET & NUMBER

401 Bosley Ave.

CITY, TOWN

Towson Md. 21204

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

BA-1056 - 418 - 420 Pennsylvania

before 1915

The two halves of this two-story frame house are connected by a two-story section. Several additions follow to the rear. Each half is two bays wide by one bay deep. #420 has a gable roof, while #418 has a shed roof. A continuous porch runs across the front of the house.

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

- | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT | <input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD | <input type="checkbox"/> RUINS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FAIR | <input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED |

CHECK ONE

- ☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

- ☐ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

418-420 Ea. (Pre 1915)

These two frame houses were built before 1915 and joined with a narrow connecting section sometime thereafter. Each part is two stories tall, two bays wide, and one bay deep. Each first-floor bay near the center of the house contains a door. The other bays each have a window, with 6/6 sash in 418 and 1/1 sash in 420. The two second-floor windows on 420's facade are furnished with faded blue louvered shutters. A shed-roofed porch crosses the front of the entire structure. Its thin posts are joined by a horizontal-board balustrade. 420's gable roof runs east-west, 418's shed roof slopes to the west, and the unfenestrated connectors shed roof slopes to the north. Various additions in fram and concrete block run to the rear of the house. All frame sections of the house are covered with asphalt shingles imitating red brick.

In 1948, Governor O'Connor helped his employee, Kermit Norris, acquire this house.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

BA-1050

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Early land records indicate that this property was part of the large tract of land owned by Benjamin Payne (1853). Subsequent owners of the land were Parker Bosley, who conveyed the property to John J. Yellot in 1883. Three years later the land was conveyed by John Yellot to Francis M. Hines who built the present structure (between 1886-1889). Francis Hines and family continued to live at this house until he sold the house to Alverta Myers in 1904. Thirty years later Alverta Myers died leaving Courtenay Jenifer Attorney Administrator of her estate. The house was the Norris house until 1945 when the house was sold to the present owner, Kermit Norris. Kermit Norris has lived in this house much of the time that he has owned it except for the four years he spent at the Governor's Mansion.

(Kermit Norris served as the personal butler to the former Governor of Maryland, Governor O'Connor)

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Marcus Pollock/coordinator Merry Stinson/architect 7/77

ORGANIZATION

The Committee to Save E. Towson/Towson Ymca

DATE

823-8870

STREET & NUMBER

600 W. Chesapeake Ave.

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Towson Md. 21204

STATE

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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418-420 Pa. Ave.

Towson, Md.

north

Merry Stinson

1977



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northeast

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